GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER ARWSP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stipulated certain criteria for allocation of funds under ARWSP to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rural population is covered under the criteria;

(d) if so, whether any special assistance is given to the tribal villages; and

(e) if so, the details of the emphasis or weightage given to tribal villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The allocation of funds to the State Governments in respect of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is done as per the approved need based criteria in terms of the rural population, rural areas under Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) and Special Category Hill States number of remaining Not Covered and Partially Covered rural habitations, number of quality affected habitations and overall water source availability in a state.

(d) & (e) No separate weightage is given to tribal villages for allocation of funds under ARWSP. However, as per the Guidelines for implementation of Rural Water Supply Programme, the State Governments are required to utilise at least 10% of the expenditure incurred by them under the ARWSP to provide drinking water supply facilities in tribal areas.